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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 844

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A RESOLUTION to honor Representative Doug Jackson for his remarkable service to the General Assembly and the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those fellow members who, during their remarkable tenures as public servants, have carried out their responsibilities with unparalleled dedication; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable elected representative is Representative Doug Jackson, who has performed his elected duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Representative Doug Jackson has had a magnificent career on Capitol Hill in his 14 years as a member of the House of Representatives; his tenure as a representative will regrettably come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2000 session of the One-Hundredth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a native and lifelong resident of Dickson, Representative Jackson is a graduate of Battle Ground Academy and Austin Peay State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and History; he earned a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, during his proficient tenure as a member, Doug Jackson sponsored and supported legislation to benefit all Tennesseans, including a bill in 1989 that made major revisions to Tennessee's solid waste disposal and was dubbed "Jackson's Law"; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jackson also sponsored the sexual offenders' register legislation during his impressive legislative career; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jackson has represented the citizens of Dickson and Hickman counties with a firmness of conviction and strict adherence to duty; and

WHEREAS, as an astute and highly respected state legislator for the 95<sup>th</sup>-101<sup>st</sup> General Assemblies, Doug Jackson served with probity on many committees, including the House Education Committee, the House Higher Education Subcommittee, the Oversight Committee on Workers' Compensation, the Workers' Compensation Study Committee, and the House Health and Human Resources Committee; and

WHEREAS, beginning his peerless service in the House of Representatives in 1987, Doug Jackson quickly distinguished himself as an effective public servant, including his estimable tenure as the vice-chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, the co-chairman of the TennCare Oversight Committee, and the chairman of the House Criminal Practice Subcommittee, this in addition to his service as the secretary of the Commerce Committee and as past chairman of the Public Health Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, the 69<sup>th</sup> House District was well represented by this prominent legislator, as he has served the good people of his district with industry and diligence; and

WHEREAS, Doug Jackson is an active and important part of the community and profession, participating in numerous civic and professional organizations, including the American, Tennessee, and Dickson Bar Associations; the American and Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association; the Dickson County Chamber of Commerce; the Dickson County Farm Bureau; and the Battle Ground Academy Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, ever mindful of his responsibility to the community he represents, Doug Jackson also contributes his time and numerous talents as the president of the Jackson

Foundation, which designed and developed the Renaissance Center in Dickson, a state-of-the-art facility utilizing the latest technology to promote a variety of educational programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jackson will be long remembered as a proponent of good government, who has dedicated himself to serving the needs of his constituents; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and accolades aside, Doug Jackson is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his wife, Laura, and their three children, Elizabeth, Greg, and Sam; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jackson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Doug Jackson has served the good people of the 69<sup>th</sup> legislative district with intelligence and integrity, and it is now highly appropriate that the friends and colleagues of this noteworthy public servant should honor him and recognize his many contributions to the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to State Representative Douglas Jackson for his innumerable services to Tennessee, and we honor him for his distinguished career as a member of this General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Representative Jackson our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.